Statement from the family of Sgt 1st Class Muralles

The Muralles family would like to express their appreciation for the outpouring of prayers and support from the local community. Marcus was a proud Soldier, a first-class medic, and most of all a loving husband and devoted father. His family was his life.

As a Special Operations medic, Marcus dedicated his career to helping others, and was proud to do so for more than 10 years. He truly loved being a Soldier and was always eager to serve his country. Marcus would have wanted those closest to him to celebrate his life, rather than mourn his death.

The Muralles family will not be granting any media interviews, and asks for the respect of their privacy during this difficult time.